

**Technology Resource Assistants
or
Technology Support Payments
as pertaining to the
Web-based Standards of Learning Technology Initiative
Fiscal Years: 2003-2004**



Proposed 2002–2004 biennial budget information on the funding of Technology Resource Assistants can be found in the Superintendent’s memo dated March 15, 2002 entitled: *Amendments to the Fiscal Year 2002 Budget and the 2002-2004 Biennial Budget Passed by the 2002 General Assembly*:

<http://www.pen.k12.va.us/VDOE/suptsmemos/2002/reg001.html>.

Attachment C of this memo includes the projected amount of funding school divisions will receive for Technology Resource Assistants for fiscal years 2003 and 2004.

Note:

- **The Times New Roman, blue highlighted type represents language quoted directly from the Proposed 2003-2004 Budget.**
- **The Arial, yellow highlighted type represents explanatory comments that have been added by the Department of Education for purposes of clarification.**

19. Technology Support Payments

a. An additional incentive payment of \$5,002,245 the first year and \$5,002,245 the second year from the general fund shall be disbursed by the Department of Education to local school divisions for the purpose of providing on-site support for the Standards of Learning Technology initiative. School divisions may directly employ technology resource assistants to provide this support or contract for on-site technology support services.

The funds will be available for fiscal year 2003 (July 1, 2002 through June 30, 2003) and fiscal year 2004 (July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004).

The funds that have been allocated are to be used by school divisions to:

- 1) hire technology personnel to support the division’s high school(s) in the implementation of the SOL Technology Initiative,
- 2) assist in paying salaries of existing technology personnel who support the division’s high school(s) in the implementation of the SOL Technology Initiative,
- 3) and/or contract with a vendor for on-site technology support services for the division’s high school(s) in the implementation of the SOL Technology Initiative.

b. These incentive payments shall be based on the state share of a grant of \$26,000 for every high school. For the purposes of this program, a high school shall be defined as any school providing instruction in grades nine through twelve, which includes regional vocational centers, regional special education centers, regular school year regional Governor's Schools, and the Schools for the Deaf and the Blind.

The amount of funds each school division will receive depends on two factors:

- 1) the number of high schools in the division
- 2) the composite index of the school division's locality

(For these specific Technology Support Payments, the state pays its share of the \$26,000 per high school. This is NOT a flat fee of \$26,000 per high school. The amount of the state's share is calculated using the composite index of the school division's locality.)

c. These incentive payments are available to any school division that certifies to the Department of Education that on-site support will be available in each of the schools receiving funds. Localities receiving these incentive payments are required to match these funds based on the composite index of local ability-to-pay.

In order to receive these funds, the school division must certify¹ to the Department of Education that:

- 1) the funds have been utilized to provide on-site support to the high school(s) related to the SOL Technology Initiative, and
- 2) the school division has provided local matching funds² that are equal to \$26,000 per high school minus the state's share of \$26,000 per high school, and
- 3) the associated local matching funds have also been utilized to provide on-site technical support to the high school(s) related to the SOL Technology Initiative.

¹Details of the certification will follow.

² For assistance in determining the amount of the funding provided by the state and the amount of the required local matching funds, please use the "calculation tool" (a Microsoft Excel spreadsheet) provided by the Department of Education's Budget Office. This "calculation tool" may be downloaded from the following web page:

<http://www.pen.k12.va.us/VDOE/Finance/Budget/calctools.html>

Note: These funds were available in fiscal year 2002 (July 1, 2001 through June 30, 2002). **These funds will continue to be available in fiscal year 2003 (July 1, 2002 through June 30, 2003) and fiscal year 2004 (July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004).** These funds may or may not be included in future state budgets.

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